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Memorandum

Date: December 23, 2005
To: Idaho Cattle Producers
From: Dr. Greg Ledbetter, Administrator
Subject: Mandatory Brucellosis Vaccination Requirement

The State of Idaho has a Mandatory Brucellosis Vaccination Requirement

- All intact female cattle that are 365 days of age or over and utilized for breeding, dairy, or grazing purposes are required by law to be vaccinated for Brucellosis
- Non-vaccinated intact female cattle over 365 days of age must be confined in an Approved Feedlot and fed for slaughter only, or adult vaccinated

Adult Vaccination Requirements

- Adult Vaccination Permit from ISDA is required
- Permit must be requested from ISDA by an Accredited Veterinarian
- Cattle to be vaccinated must be tested negative for Brucellosis

Enforcement

- ISDA strongly urges all cattle producers (**Beef and Dairy**) to inspect their herds and have any non-vaccinated animals adult vaccinated as soon as possible
- ISDA views adult vaccination as a proactive attempt by the owner to come into compliance with state law and rules
- Historically, ISDA has not taken a penalty action against an owner that has proactively tried to come into compliance, and ISDA does not purpose doing so in this situation
- **However**, if ISDA inspects a herd of cattle and that herd contains non-vaccinated animals, ISDA may take an enforcement action and assess a civil penalty

Penalties for Violations of the Brucellosis Law and Rules

- The Brucellosis Law, Title 25, Chapter 6, Idaho Code authorizes ISDA to assess a Civil Penalty of up to \$5,000 per violation

Reminder

- If you have non-vaccinated cattle in your herd, call your veterinarian and get them adult vaccinated as soon as possible
- ISDA views adult vaccination as a proactive attempt by the owner to come into compliance with state law and rules
- **ISDA's primary goal is to have the Idaho cattle herd 100% vaccinated, not to assess civil penalties**